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breaks, only the service could be taken into account and the pension calculated—it is not necessary hereafter to condone breaks.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR: ஆசிரியர்களுக்கு சர்வீஸ் ரெஜிஸ்டர் இருக்கிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: இருக்கிறது.

Salaries to teachers

* 140 *Q.*—SRI K. M. RAMASAMY GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that some of the teachers of High Schools under Private Management in Tirupattur, North Arcot district, have not been paid their salaries for the last many months; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) & (*b*) If the hon. Member refers to the Ramakrishna High School, Tiruppattur, a statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

SRI K. M. RAMASAMY GOUNDER: In his report, the Director says that the school was not granted timely recognition in 1957–58 and that grants for the year were withheld. But subsequent to that, I received complaints that the teachers were not given their pay for the months of last October and November. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to expedite calling for reports and to arrange for seeing that this kind of chronic delays are not allowed to recur in future at least?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: There was a change in the management also—the Correspondent was changed—and we are hoping that with this change matters would improve.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: May I know whether in spite of the change in correspondentship, the pay of teachers is still in arrears for over one year or it has been paid?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I do not have that information.

Bridge across Palar river

* 141 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state with reference to answer to Legislative Council Question No. 9, dated 31st October 1957—

(*a*) whether the work on the construction of a bridge across the Palar at Arcot has since been completed;

(*b*) if not, the stage at which it now stands and when the work is likely to be completed;

(*c*) whether any extra cost has been incurred by the Government on the continuance of the staff beyond the target date fixed for completion of work; and

(*d*) if so, whether there is any proposal to recover it from the contractors?

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[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 412–413 infra.